

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Talking about God helps us know Him better.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:13 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see how talking about God can help them grow in their faith and to encourage them to find the confidence to take one step.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Talking about God isn't always easy. Even adults struggle with it, so imagine how your middle schoolers might feel! Remember that while this week is about sharing the news of Jesus with others, it's also very much about encouraging students to talk about ways they've seen, experienced, or come to know God in a *personal* way. It's about sharing their own stories with God.

Not every student in your group is a believer in or follower of Jesus. And even those who are believers may grapple with doubts and questions. Make sure to encourage students to talk about their questions as well. That might be their best next step. One of the best ways we can discover more of the truth about God is to ask questions and what better place to do that than in small group?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in their own words.
- Show of fingers: On a scale 1-10, how comfortable do you feel talking about God at church? At school?

THE WORD

- READ Acts 4:13.
- What can hold us back from talking about God?
- How can we have courage like Peter and John to talk about God?

APPLICATION

- Do this: Set up your meeting space as a "storytelling" environment by putting an LED candle or campfire video on your phone in the middle of the group. (*Or set up a s'mores station!*) Start the conversation by sharing one thing God has done in your life. Then go around to each student and have them share the same. Remind students that they don't need to know everything to talk about God. They can simply think about His character instead of trying to have all the answers.

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer.
What prayer requests do y'all have?

ACTS 4:13 NIV

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus."

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